

# Bad Eyesight Will Save Most of Zehrung's Umpires From the Trenches

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## O'TOOLE CURVES ROURKES TO WIN OVER THE LINKS

### Holmes Tribe Unable to Hit Marty and Krug Pounds Home Tallies Which Give Omaha Victory.

Curving O'Toole with his excellent curving and Marty Krug with his big stick collaborated yesterday to give Omaha a 6 to 2 victory over the lowly Links from Lincoln.

O'Toole refused to permit the Ducklings to gang any hits except in the seventh when two bingles mixed up with a walk and a sacrifice fly and a ragged play gave the enemy two runs. The rest of the time Marty's spitter had the Links completely baffled.

While O'Toole was holding the Links down Marty Krug was hammering home runs or scoring them. Krug gave O'Toole a lead in the opening stanza with a home run blow to left. The hit was a homer inside the park, a rare occurrence on the Omaha grounds. The ball hit a couple of inches inside, just a few feet back of third base and rolled to the fence in foul territory. Carlisle's relay was just a second or two late to match Marty sliding over the rubber.

### Rourke Count Three.

The game stood 1 to 0 until the sixth when the Rourkees gathered three runs. After Burg went out Krug drew a walk and went to second on Thompson's out. He scored on Earl Smith's single to center. Bradley also drew a walk and Schick scored Smith and Big Bill with a two-play crack to right.

### Boosters Bunch Four Hits And Defeat Sioux City

Des Moines, Ia., May 19.—Des Moines bunched four hits with two errors by Mueller in the fourth inning and scored six runs, acquiring a lead which Sioux City was unable to overcome. The final score was 7 to 6. O'Doul, a youngster, pitched good ball, but Des Moines' errors were costly. Score:

### Wiches Land on Hopper And St. Joseph Loses

St. Joseph, Mo., May 19.—Wiches landed on Booth Hopper in the second innings for four runs, enough to win the game here today. Score:

### Young Yank Recruit Proves To Be a Sad Disappointment

Jack Enright, the young Yankee right-hander released to Toronto a few weeks ago, has been returned by Manager Lajoie, who says he has enough pitchers without Jack. Enright had trouble with his arm practically all of the time he spent in Macon and has turned out to be quite a disappointment.

### Cuban Athlete Mixed Up in Revolution; Reports Late

Merito Acosta, the Cuban outfielder, released by Washington to Baltimore, is expected to get going in good shape with a little practice. Because of the political revolution in which he was tangled in Cuba he did not report until late and was not in shape when the American league season opened.

## Marty and Marty

OMAHA.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Burg, 3b.	4	0	0	0	1	1
Krug, ss.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Thompson, cf.	4	0	0	0	1	0
E. Smith, 1b.	3	1	1	1	0	0
Bradley, 2b.	3	1	1	1	0	0
Schick, rf.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Brottem, c.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Woodruff, 3b.	2	0	0	0	1	1
O'Toole, p.	2	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	29	6	8	37	11	2

LINCOLN.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Carlisle, lf.	4	0	0	0	1	0
T. Smith, 2b.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Bayless, cf.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Lober, rf.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Butler, 1b.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Lamb, 3b.	2	1	0	0	1	0
Griffin, 1b.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Rohrer, c.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Schmitt, 2b.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Halla, p.	4	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	31	2	6	24	10	2

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### Pitty Poor Deadhead; He'll Have to Cough Up to See Games Now

The bleacher fan probably will be asked to bear the burden of the war tax on the Western league.

### Benny Leonard's Claim Is Disputed by Johnny Dundee

New York, May 19.—Johnny Dundee takes exception to Benny Leonard claiming the American lightweight title. According to Dundee's manager, Dominick Tortorich of New Orleans has offered to stage an elimination tournament and to donate a belt to the winner. Dundee says that twenty rounds are the only real test and points out that Leonard has never travelled the long distance.

### McGraner Holds Bears To 3 Hits and Joplin Wins

Joplin, Mo., May 19.—McGraner held Denver to three hits today and Joplin won, 3 to 0. Dalton's home run in the seventh scored Hunter, ahead of him. Pitcher Burwell, who has been ill, was sent to his home by the Joplin club. Score:

### Harry Coveleskie Refuses To Pitch Against Brother

Refusal of Harry Coveleskie of the Detroit Americans to pitch against his brother Stanley, of the Cleveland club, broke the plans of the opposing teams for a pitching duel between the brothers.

### Notes of the Fray

Otto Mers will hurl for Omaha today. The most Saturday crowd of the season was out to witness the event.

### Select Date for Annual Women's State Golf Event

Officers of the Nebraska Woman's Golf association meet Monday at the home of the president, Mrs. L. M. Lord, 3801 Jones street, to determine the dates of the annual championship tournament, which will be held over the Happy Hollow club links.

### President Baker of Phillies Says He Will Not Sell Club

President Baker of the Phillies declares that he has no intention of selling his interest in the Phillies and that he is in the game to stay. He also says that no stock in the team has changed hands recently, but admits that Morton F. Plant, the New London millionaire, is a stockholder.

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## SULKY STEPPERS SHOW FINE FORM ON BENSON OVAL

### Boarders at Benson Racing Plant Put Through Paces in Preparation for Early Meetings.

By RUSSELL PHELPS. Horsemen headquarters at the Omaha Driving club's Benson racing plant took advantage of the ideal training weather last week, putting their harness stars through the stiffest workouts of the season thus far.

### Yankees and Tigers Play Seven Innings to a Tie

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## Hugh Bradley, Sweet Singer and First Sacker, Is Tower of Strength in Rourke Inner Defense

### Former Red Sox Wins Spurs by Plugging Up the Hole Left by the Departure of Ray Miller.

Here's an action snapshot of Hugh Bradley, alias "Big Bill," sweet singer, vaudeville actor and first baseman. After watching him the last two weeks Omaha fans will admit Bradley is some first sacker. The Rourke infield has improved 50 per cent since Big Bill took up the job of custodian of the first cushion.

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Pipp, 5	2	1	0	0	0	0
Baker, 2b.	4	1	2	0	0	0
Miller, cf.	4	1	2	0	0	0
Magee, cf.	4	1	0	1	0	0
Polk, 3b.	3	1	2	1	0	0
Summa, 1b.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Russell, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Levay, 1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Shawkey, 4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Caldwell, 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	44	13	23	13	4	0

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## PLESTINA AND JOE ARRIVE AT TERMS

### Dodge Phenom and Omaha Wrestler Will Clash at Rourke Park on Independence Day.

Terms of agreement for a wrestling match between Marin Plestina of Omaha and Joe Stecher of Dodge for Omaha, July 4, practically have been completed. All that remains is the signing of articles.

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## INTERNAL SCRAP LOOMS AHEAD IN WESTERN LEAGUE

### Magnates Getting Warm Under Collar Over Rookie Rule, Freedom of Umpires and Personal Feuds.

Unrestricted warfare that threatens to surpass in violence all previous discords and ruptures looms ahead for the Western league, unless signs cropping out here and there fail to carry any significance.

The "youngster" rule is bound to start a lot of trouble if affairs continue in their present state. The "youngster" rule decrees that each club shall carry at least six players who have not played base ball of Class A or better, previous to the current year. The law reads thirty games for infielders or outfielders, fifteen games for catchers and ten games for pitchers. All clubs were to have been cut down May 8.

Omaha has already had victories protested on the grounds that Rourke has less than six recruits on his pay roll. Schick, Brokaw, Currie, Waterman and Shaw come under the youngster classification. Pa also certified Brottem, but Zehrung declared Brottem played in fifteen games with the St. Louis Cards and therefore was not a rookie.

### MAKE PLANS FOR SPEEDWAY RACES

Such being the condition of affairs, Prexie Zehrung quite regularly will find protest in the morning mail. And when the time comes to make decisions the music and fireworks will start. The prexie, of course, will be the storm center.

### Umpires Too Free.

Another thing that promises to provoke a grand and glorious scrap is the freedom of the umpires. Zehrung apparently has given them a free hand and the arbiters are having one ray time. Up to date they have stopped at nothing short of mayhem and murder. The Kaiser has nothing on Zehrung's umpiring crew.

### McShane Reappointed Director of Contests and Goes East to Start Signing Drivers for July Fourth Events.

With the reappointment of Felix J. McShane, jr., as director of contests the Omaha Auto Speedway company has started work on the annual Omaha automobile derby to be held July 4 on the mile and a quarter board oval in east Omaha.

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McShane last year gave Omaha eighteen drivers, who experts agree put on the most sensational speedway race ever held in the United States. His reappointment insures a classy field for the 1917 event.

### Idea is Wrong.

Attendance hasn't been up to its usual standard this season and here's one of the reasons. The sooner base ball men quit trying to "eliminate the rowdiness in base ball," as they call it, the better off they'll be. The fan likes to see some pep and ginger on the field. Nothing tickles him better than a clash between a player and an umpire or a couple of opposing players. That makes business.

### Decker Gets Fast Start.

Looks as if Deane Becker, the Kansas City slugger, is all set to repeat his heavy hitting performance in the first game this spring the former Giant hit for .454.